



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q76832

Takako OZAWA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/635,640

Group Art Unit: 1773

Confirmation No.: 8806

Examiner: Nikolas J. UHLIR

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For: MASTER INFORMATION CARRIER FOR MAGNETIC TRANSFER

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging receipt of, and accepting the two (2) sheets of drawings filed on August 7, 2003.

Claims 1-13 are all the claims pending in the application. Claim 1 is an independent claim. Claims 1-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishikawa (US 2002/0034028A1) in view of Nishikawa (US 2002/0051306A1). For ease of reference, these references are denoted Nishikawa '028 and Nishikawa '306, respectively (or the "Nishikawa references" collectively). For the following reason, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.